

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 781  
INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 1897

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, KS, KN, CH  
SUBJECT: LOS: KOREAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DELIMITATION

REF: SEOUL 1636, 1671 (NOTAL)

FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ROKG HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF ANY OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM EITHER PEKING OR TAIPEI TO MARCH 15-16 PRC- ROKG EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS ON YELLOW- EAST CHINA SEA OIL EXPLORATION AND CONTINENTAL SHELF DELIMITATION. ON MARCH 23, NORTH KOREAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTED TEXT OF CHINESE MARCH 15 STATEMENT AND PUBLISHED NODONG SINMUM EDITORIAL ( FBIS B230621) DENOUNCING SOUTH KOREAN " TREACHERY-- IN SELLING NATIONS RESOURCES TO U. S. AND JAPANESE AGRESSORS". IN ANTI- FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROPAGANDA LADEN EDITORIAL, NORTH KOREAN NEWSPAPER SAID SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES HAD NO RIGHT TO " STRIKE A BARGAIN WITH ANYBODY ABOUT OUR CONTINENTAL SHELF." NORTH KOREANS DID NOT MENTION ROKG MARCH 16 STATEMENT. NORTH KOREAN STATEMENT WAS NOT REPORTED IN DETAIL IN SEOUL PRESS.

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ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY IS STILL WAITING FOR ROK- CIA ASSESS-  
MENT, IT PROBABLY WILL TAKE NO NOTICE OF UNOFFICIAL NORTH  
KOREAN COMMENT. AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, THIS IS FIRST STATEMENT  
BY NORTH KOREANS ON THIS SUBJECT.  
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